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EVAPORATOR FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE AIR
CONDITIONING SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be

appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1-A3 are in English.

Document A4 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited in a Chinese Office Action issued in a counterpart Chinese application on September 19, 2008. Attached is an English-language translation of the Chinese Office Action. According to the English translation of the Chinese Office Action obtained by Applicants' representative, the Chinese Patent Office made certain characterizations of the references. As noted, the characterizations of the Chinese Patent Office noted above are based on an English translation obtained by Applicants' representative. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement with the opinions expressed in the Chinese Office Action.

Copies of DE Patent Nos. 19826881 and 10132485 cited in the Chinese Office Action are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified application on July 24, 2006.


Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicants and the PTO) for each of non-English language document. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, as indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for the non-English language document, this document has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicants believe that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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